

COWARDICE AND INEFFICIENCY AT TITANIC SINKING

Report of Senate Committee Urges Radical Reforms in Navigation Laws.

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tanic had struck, but who yet failed to go to the rescue, came in for much condemnation. Senator Smith declared Lord has a "tremendous responsibility" placed on him, which it would be difficult for him to escape.

Praise for Wireless Men.

For the gallant operators of the wireless, for Captain Rostron, of the Carpathia, Senator Smith had the highest praise. He spoke in especially warm terms of the conduct of Operator Phillips, of the Titanic, who paused in the chaos about him long enough to give a cup of water to a fainting woman.

On the White Star line, for sending this magnificent ship with an untrained and undisciplined crew, a crew that did not know what to do when the crisis came, the Michigan Senator placed a heavy load of responsibility. He called for such regulation of the wireless as would "clear the sea of its conflicting idioms."

In striking fashion, Senator Smith thus emphasized the lack of discipline, the unpreparedness of the Titanic and her crew for the terrible situation that followed on the crash into the iceberg. "At 10 o'clock on that fateful Sunday evening this latest maritime creation was cutting its first pathway through the North Atlantic Ocean with scarcely a ripple to retard its progress."

Assurance of Strength.

"From the builders' hands she was plunged straightway to her fate, and christening salutes acclaimed at once her birth and death. Builders of renown had launched her on the billows with confident assurance of her strength, while every port was open to their achievement; shipbuilding to them was both a science and a religion; parent ships and sister ships had easily withstood the waves, while the mark of their hammer was all that was needed to give assurance of the high quality of the work."

"In the construction of the Titanic no limit of cost circumscribed their endeavor, and when the vessel took its place at the head of the line every modern improvement in shipbuilding was supposed to have been realized; so confident were they of their work, with pride and builder were eager to go upon the trial trip: no sufficient tests were made of boilers or bulkheads or gearing or equipment, and no lifeboats or signal devices were reviewed; officers and crew were strangers to one another and passengers to both; neither was familiar with the vessel or its implements or tools; no drill or station practice or helpful discipline disturbed the tranquility of the voyage, with prizes for crisis came a state of absolute unpreparedness stupefied both passengers and crew, and in their despair the ship went down, carrying as needless a sacrifice of noble women and brave men as ever clustered about the judgment seat in any single moment of passing time."

For the British board of trade and its outworn and inadequate regulations, Senator Smith said: "We shall leave to the honest judgment of England its painstaking chicanery of the British board of trade, to whose laxity of regulation and hasty inspection the world is largely indebted for this awful fatality. Of contributing causes there were very many. In the face of warning signals, speed was increased and messages of danger seemed to stimulate her to action rather than to persuade her to fear."

"And in the same connection, he made this observation: 'The lessons of this hour are, indeed, fruitless and its precepts ill-conceived if rules of action do not follow hard upon the day of reckoning. Obsolete and antiquated shipping laws should no longer encumber the parliamentary records of any government, and overripe administrative boards should be pruned of dead branches and less sterile precepts taught and applied.'"

Wants Adequate Legislation.

Calling for adequate legislation that would prevent such losses as this, Senator Smith said: "Regulation of steamship transportation is as necessary as regulation of railroad transportation and less difficult to obtain. Transportation by rail is conducted through settled localities, where many residents watch quickly and immediately report any irregularities or disregard of safety requirements, while by water it is conducted beyond

the criticism of any except the actual passengers on the ship, making it all the more necessary for definite regulations.

"Lines of travel must be more carefully defined, strength of bows more positive and watertight subdivision to limit submergence, life-saving equipment better and more numerous, and all discipline and practice a rudimentary examination, eye more keen and ear alert to catch the warning cry, as on British battleships as well as on our own, powerful vessels to search out his partially submerged derelict; buoys should be carried by every ship to mark temporarily the place of the ship's burial in case of accident; and men of strength and spirit there must be, won back to a calling already demoralized and decadent."

"But 10 per cent of the men before the mast in our merchant marine are natives or naturalized Americans; even England, that twenty years ago had barely 7,000 orientals on her merchant ships, now carries over 70,000 of that alien race. Americans must re-enlist in this service, they must become the soldiers of the sea, and whether on lookout, on deck or in the wheel, whether able or common seamen, they should be better paid for their labor and more highly honored in their calling. Their rights must be respected, and their work carefully performed; harsh and severe restraining laws must be repealed, and a new dignity given this important field of labor."

Committee Not Biased.

Senator Smith in his opening remarks told of the work of the subcommittee. He said the committee had been guided solely by public interest, "without bias, prejudice, sensationalism, or slander of the living or dead."

"Energy is often more desirable than learning," he said, "and the investigation serves a useful purpose to the state." He recounted the story of the warnings the Titanic had received of the presence of icebergs. Yet high speed was maintained as the vessel rushed on to her doom.

Warnings Are Ignored.

Of warnings of danger and the indifference to the warnings of Captain Smith, Senator Smith said: "At 5 o'clock on that fatal Sunday the steamship Baltic was on her track and near the place where the accident occurred; at 5 o'clock in the afternoon and again, an hour before the accident, when but a few miles away, the steamship Californian signaled the Titanic with a message of danger, which her operator curiously acknowledged; the same evening the Californian transmitted to the Hydrographic Office in Washington a message from the steamship America, saying she had passed two large icebergs near the track of the Titanic; in the face of these warnings, each revolution of her engines marked at the moment of the collision her highest speed of twenty-four and one-half miles per hour."

Praises Captain Rostron.

Telling in detail of the failure of Captain Lord, of the California, to give aid, and commending in high terms the conduct of Captain Rostron, of the Carpathia, Senator Smith said:

"Why did the Californian display its Morse signal lamp from the moment of the collision continuously for nearly two hours if they saw nothing? And the signals which were visible to Mr. Gill at 12:30 and afterward, and which were also seen by the captain and officers of the Carpathia, should have excited more solicitude than was displayed by the officers of that vessel, and the failure of Captain Lord to arouse the wireless operator on his ship, who could have easily ascertained the name of the vessel in distress and reached her in time to avert loss of life, places a tremendous responsibility upon this officer from which it will be difficult for him to escape. Had he been as vigilant in the movement of his vessel as he was active in displaying his own signal lamp, there is a very good probability that every human life that was sacrificed through this disaster could have been saved. The dictate of humanity should have prompted vigilance under such conditions."

TITANIC REPORT URGES REFORMS

Drastic Revision of Navigation Laws Chief Feature of Investigation by Senate Committee—Ismay Not Blamed, But Officers of the Californian Are Scored.

Bitter condemnation of the officers of the liner Californian for their failure to rush to the assistance of the Titanic, recommendations for drastic revision of the navigation laws, and strict regulation of radio-telegraphy, was the lesson in the Titanic disaster as summed up today in the report of the special Senate investigating committee. Senator Smith introduced the report in the Senate today.

The report is a sixty-two page printed document. The report has already leaked out as to many of its features.

Ismay Not Criticized.

In spite of forecasts to the contrary the report does not criticize J. Bruce Ismay. It does not, in fact, go into the question of his conduct. The story of the warnings of ice, failure to regard them, and the fact speed of at least twenty-one knots was kept up is told.

The report analyzes the testimony in detail, and says this testimony shows the five forward compartments were flooded; immediately thereafter the supposedly water-tight compartments were not water-tight, and the sinking of the vessel followed.

The committee finds no general alarm was given the passengers.

Captain Lord, of the Californian, is severely criticized for not going to the rescue of the vessel. The responsibility of this officer is discussed at length.

The committee is sharply regarded by the committee as the "phantom" ship of which so much has been said. The inadequacy of the number of lifeboats, the failure to fill them, the lack of system in loading the boats, are emphasized. The committee believes many lives could have been saved had the boats been filled, after reaching the water, and had some of the boats been sent back to the scene of the wreck in response to the cries of distress.

High praise is given Captain Rostron, of the Carpathia, for his conduct in going to the rescue of the Titanic, and the preparations he made.

Bodies Carried Away.

The fact bodies were not visible Monday morning about the wreck, the committee says, can be accounted for only on the theory that those who went down did not rise or were carried away or hidden by the ice floe, while some were carried away by currents.

For the withholding of information, the committee is sharp in criticism. It does not fix responsibility for the famous Hughes telegram. It criticizes the wireless operator on the Carpathia for not handling his work properly after the accident.

The recommendations of the committee are as follows:

"The committee finds that this accident clearly indicates the necessity of additional legislation to secure safety of life at sea."

"By statute the United States accepts reciprocally the inspection certificates of foreign countries having inspection laws approximating those of the United States. Unless there is early revision of inspection laws of foreign countries along the lines laid down hereinafter, the committee deems it proper that such reciprocal arrangements be terminated, and that no vessel shall be licensed to carry passengers from ports of the United States until all regulations and requirements of the laws of

the United States have been fully complied with.

"The committee recommends that sections 481 and 482, Revised Statutes, be amended so as to definitely require sufficient lifeboats to accommodate every passenger and every member of the crew."

"The committee recommends the assignment of passengers and crew to lifeboats before sailing."

"Searchlights Are Urged. The committee recommends that every ocean steamship carrying 100 or more passengers be required to carry two electric searchlights."

"The committee finds that this catastrophe makes glaringly apparent the necessity for regulation of radio-telegraphy. There must be an operator on duty at all times, day and night, to insure the immediate receipt of all distress, warning, or other important calls. There must be definite legislation to prevent interference by amateurs and to secure secrecy of radiograms or wireless messages."

"The committee recommends that the firing of rockets or candles on the high seas for any other purpose than as a signal of distress be made a misdemeanor."

"The committee recommends that all steel ocean and coastwise seagoing ships carrying 100 or more passengers should have a watertight skin inboard of the outside plating."

"Eye-Opener" First Aid To Disorder, Says Judge

Any man that takes a drink of whisky, "even as an eye-opener," is in a way to create a disorder, according to an opinion expressed by Judge Pugh, in the District branch of the Police Court, this morning.

The court voiced the opinion in the case of Jerome Meyers, colored, who was arraigned on a charge of disorderly conduct. Meyers was arrested by Policeman Wheelock, of the Third precinct, for laughing and talking loud in the exclusive residential neighborhood. He was allowed to go after furnishing personal bond.

Rebels Steal 1,300 Mexican Dollars

Advices received at the State Department today state that a band of sixty rebels, several nights ago, stole from the railroad, express company and others in Santa Lucrécia, about \$1,300 Mexican dollars and then seized an engine on which they left for San Bora.

There are no disturbances in the No. 10 district today and conditions in general appear to be unchanged, except for increasing disorder in Oaxaca.

The transport Buford is due to reach San Diego today with 300 American refugees on board.

\$140,000 Fire in Buffalo. BUFFALO, N. Y., May 28.—Fire early today did \$140,000 damage to the building and contents at Maurice and Pratt streets, occupied by the Warren Lubricant Company, the Girard Chemical Company, and the N. M. Fall Lubricating Company, all makers of grease and oil.

CITIZENS' BODY OBJECTS TO PAYING FOR RECLAMATION

North Capitol and Eckington Association Adopt Resolutions.

Members of the North Capitol and Eckington Citizens' Association went on record last night against the bill recently introduced in Congress which provides for the reclamation of the Anacostia to the effect that the plan of assessing against the sections of the District lying in the vicinity of the lowlands.

The action of the association is in line with the attitude taken toward the bill by the other civic bodies of the city to the effect that the plan of assessing only a part of the District for the project would be unfair in that all parts of the city would accrue benefits from the reclamation of the flats.

Discussion of the bill occupied the greater part of the meeting, the declaring speakers on the subject all declaring that the entire District should be called on to defray the expenses in



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event that the flats were to be reclaimed. Resolutions were adopted seeking an amendment to the bill, which would provide for a general assessment to defray the cost of reclamation instead of making the assessment sectional. Copies of the resolutions were ordered sent to the chairmen of the Senate and House District Committees and to the District Commissioners.

Matters relating to the improvement of streets and the street car service of the city were also brought up at the meeting. Following the transaction of business, the association adjourned until the fourth Monday in September.

Says He's Got One of Uncle Sam's Pigeons

A man in Shiloh, Ohio, having read a good deal about the transporting of bullet deers and other animals by carrier pigeon, is under the impression that the United States has a regular lot of delivery carriers.

He has written a letter to Postmaster General Hitchcock, saying that he has caught a carrier pigeon with a band on the right leg marked with a keystone, the letter J. and U. S. 7218. He wants to know whether the Government will pay a reward for the return of this bird.

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